(2) The horizontal clearance between the nearest conductor and any part of such building shall, on the basis of maximum deflection due to wind pressure, be not less than—

(a)	for high voltage lines upto and including 11000 volts....	1.2 metres
(b)	for high voltage lines above 11,000 volts and upto and including 33,000 volts....	2.0 metres
(c)	for extra high voltage lines....	2.0 metres plus 0.3 metre for every additional 33,000 volts or part thereof.

(*Explanation*—for the purpose of this rule expression building shall be deemed to include any structure, whether permanent or temporary)

Steps to Meet the Power Shortage in A.P.

3478. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State of Andhra Pradesh is facing shortage of power;

(b) if so, the actual requirement of power in the State;

(c) how many villages are still unelectrified alongwith the detais thereof, district-wise; and

(d) what steps are being taken to meet the power shortage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) The power supply position in Andhra Pradesh during 1999-2000 was as under:—

	Energy (MU net)		Peak (MW Net)
Requirement	45835	peak Demand	7209
Availability	42832	peak met	6366
Shortage	3003	deficit	843
Percentage	6.6%	percentage	11.7%

During the same period the energy shortage and peak deficit in the Shouthern region was 7.2% and 12.7%

(c) Andhra Pradesh has achieved 100% village electrification.

(d) The following measures are being taken to improve the power availability in Andhra Pradesh:

(i) Promotion of inter-regional transfer of power.

(ii) Renovation and Modernisation of existing generating stations.

(iii) Demand management and energy conservation measures.

(iv) Augmentation of transmission and distribution system.

(v) Reduction in Transmission and distribution losses.

(vi) Expediting implementation of capacity addition programme and power sector reforms

International Capital in Power Sector

3479. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether U.S. has made it clear to Indian Govenment in a joint policy round table recently that if international capital was required in power sector, India will have to create a framwork to ensure safety, security and good returns;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what was India's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) The need to create a framework to ensure safety, security and good returns was reportedly emphasized in a joint Policy Round table on Power organised by the Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry. These views were expressed by the Senior Vice President of U.S. Company.

The Government is aware that unless good returns are available, private capital will not flow into the power sector. In order to improve the returns from the power sector, the financial health of the power utilities/Stat e Electricity Boards (SEBs) have to be improved. The government has, therefore, embarked upon the process of reforms in the power sector. The Central Electricity Regulatory Commission was set up in July, 1998 and fourteen State Electricity